Foreword

This is the first iteration of an undergraduate Linguistics research journal at McGill since the now-defunct *Cellar Door* published its last edition in 2015.

Linguistics is a relatively young field of study, rare in allowing undergraduate students to directly contribute novel research to its numerous subfields. We wanted to provide a place for McGill's Linguistics undergraduates to showcase such research, and for students, faculty, and anyone else interested to keep up to date on the excellent work being produced every year.

In 2019, members of the Society of Linguistics Undergraduates at McGill and volunteers within the department formed an editorial team to found *JournalLing*. Building the journal from scratch was an imperfect process involving trial and error, late nights, and innumerable last-minute Zoom meetings, all of us learning our roles as we went along. But through the diligence and tireless efforts of our editorial team, the authors, and everyone else involved, we have created a finished product we're all very proud of.

The inaugural publication of *JournalLing* exhibits the broad and multifaceted nature of our program. Our nine selected papers include both original research and literature reviews, representing a variety of linguistic domains from sociolinguistics to phonology to syntax. We hope that these are the first in a long tradition of insightful and fascinating papers showcased by future editions of *JournalLing*.

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